Lifting of ban on export of dual-use Nuclear Technology

897. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada, like USA and UK, has lifted ban on export of dual-use nuclear technology to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely share of Canada for co-operation in our nuclear programme and projects likely to be covered during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) During his visit to Canada from 25-27 September, 2005 the External Affairs Minister had discussions with the Canadian Foreign Minister on the issue of civilian nuclear cooperation. The two countries have agreed to develop a bilateral framework for nuclear safety collaboration. Canada also agreed to allow the supply of nuclear related dual use items to Indian civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards, with appropriate assurances consistent with the requirements of the Nuclear Suppliers Group Dual Use Guidelines. India and Canada also agreed to pursue further opportunities for the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy both bilaterally and through the appropriate international for a, consistent with their internatioanl commitments. Further discussion on the issue will continue.

Increase of power generation capacity

†898. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise the atomic energy based power generation capacity of India to 2000 megawatts in the coming fifteen years;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to prevent any Chernobyl like accident while using the radio-active fuel on a large scale;

(c) Government's plan to increase the capacity utilization of the existing atomic energy based power generating plants and to make the safety measures more comprehensive and efficient; and

(d) whether Government are aware of this fact that the Ex-Chariman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board had raised some objections regarding

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†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.